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## The National Colored Personal Liberty League Banquet.



H. C. HAWKINS, of W. Va.  
President of the Personal Liberty  
League.



CHAS. C. CURTIS, of IOWA,  
National Organizer of the Personal  
Liberty League.—See 4th page.

### PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE.

EDITOR CHASE THE GUEST OF HONOR.  
—DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT  
AND ABLE SPEECHES MADE—THE EDITOR  
RECEIVED A MEDAL.

On last Tuesday evening, the Sparta Buffet, 1216 Pennsylvania Ave., under the directions of Messrs. Moore and Prioleau, was a scene that will long be remembered by those who were present. The occasion was a collation under the auspices of the National Colored Personal Liberty League of the United States, with headquarters in this city, in honor of Mr. W. Calvin Chase, Editor of *The Bee* for his services in defense of personal liberty and the esteem in which he is held by the organization as its attorney. Mr. C. C. Curtis, the National organizer, who first suggested to the executive committee to give its next annual dinner in honor of Mr. Chase, has realized his expectations.

No one worked harder than Mr. Curtis to make the affair the most brilliant in the history of the organization.

The dining rooms in which the affair was given were on the second floor. The invited guests commenced to arrive a few minutes before 8 o'clock and were received in the front room by the ushers.

The rooms were beautifully festooned with bunting, Chinese lanterns, American flags and palms. In the second dining room was a large table set and handsomely decorated, which is an easy matter for those two well known proprietors to do. The ladies auxiliary of the league sent the honored guest a large and handsome bouquet of flowers which occupied the center of the table in front of him.

Every invited guest wore a full dress black suit and their spotless white shirts did much to electrify the rooms which was a pretty contrast with the electric lights.





THEY SAY.

Be cheerful, do your duty and nothing more.

Dogs bark at the least noise.

Seville is knocking the boys out.

Be useful citizens and true Americans.

Don't forget your duty and your manhood.

Remember your duty to your fellow man.

Always be true to those who are true to you.

Broken necks and broken bones, the boys are getting now.

Office-seekers are still waiting to be cared for.

An American citizen is a strange being abroad.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again.

The latest utterance of Iago was, he laughs best who laughs last.

No power but the Providence could have kept Iago in the recorder's office.

His rabbits' foot fail to work on recorder Cheatham.

Iago made good use of it.

He only wanted 15 minutes with any recorder he said.

He had three weeks with Cheatham.

Give us a woman on the reform school board.

Great people do great things.

Iago remarked that he never witnessed such lightning changes before.

There is a great deal Iago has to learn yet.

There is another Richmond in the field.

Be what you seem to be and nothing more.

Don't forget what was said to you last.

Roy is a good writer.

The collation was a representative one.

Do your duty and nothing more. You can't please everybody.

No matter what you may do some one will be displeased.

Don't say yes to every request that is made to you?

Is it right and just to deceive your friends.

The colored politicians are in the soup.

Don't tell all you know.

It is unwise to display your ignorance.

What has become of the District politicians?

In union there is strength.

Capt Meredith is playing soldier now.

The Capt. ought to know that the District soldier boys are called parlor ornaments.

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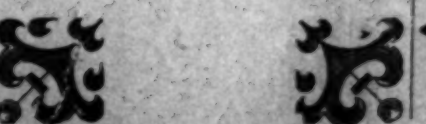
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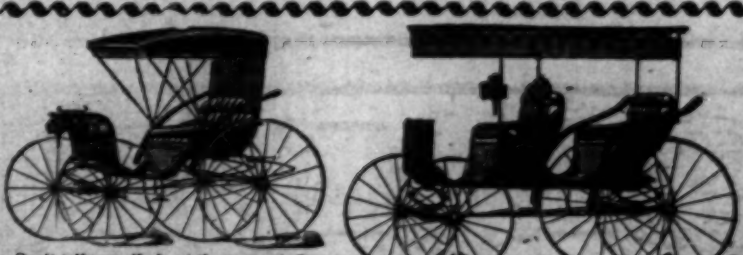
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#### A NATIONAL LEAGUE.

THE BEE is pleased to know that a national Afro-American league is about to materialize. In every state in the Union there are local organizations being established. Some time in the early fall a call for a national convention of leagues will be met. THE BEE and the Pennsylvania States league have for some time endeavored to convince the colored people in the United States, that it is absolutely necessary to have a national organization of Afro-Americans for their advancement. It is hoped that chairman Goodall of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania State league will see the necessity of an early call for a national convention of states leagues. Organization among the colored men in this country is what is greatly needed at this time. Let it be understood that it is necessary to place a man at the head of the organization who has nerve and is capable of representing the people.

Let us look about us and select a man in whom the masses have confidence. Let us be true to ourselves and the people we represent. Philadelphia, Pa., is the proper place to hold a national convention of leagues. We know the people of Pennsylvania will do all in their power to make such a league convention a success. We want a new leadership.

#### THE FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL.

There is to be a change in that institution soon by the resignation of Dr. Daniel H. Williams. The report is that Secretary Bliss is willing to appoint a District man. Who is most acceptable to the colored physicians in the city? The Secretary is very much impressed with Dr. John R. Francis and there is no doubt that Dr. Francis can be appointed if the colored physicians would concentrate on him. The question is would Dr. Francis accept the position if tendered to him? THE BEE is aware that Dr. Francis is not a candidate, but he should allow his name to be used to prevent the appointment of an outsider. Let there be a concentration at once, Dr. Francis.

#### MR. PENICKS BACK.

Public Printer Palmer, who always does good things has reinstated ex-Foreman Thomas Penicks in his old place as foreman of the Folding Room. Mr. Penicks is a gentleman and a man in whom Mr. Palmer has confidence as a workman. It is a deserved compliment to a worthy and a deserving man. Accept our congratulations Mr. Penicks and the good wishes of your many friends.

#### THE NEGRO DISSATISFIED.

It is unnecessary for the colored politicians to complain and make faces at the administration. President McKinley is the self-same man as he was before and after his nomination and election. It will do no good to kick now. The kicking should have been done before last November.

THE BEE is confident that President McKinley means to treat the colored man fairly.

#### PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE.

Continued from last page.

Among the guests present were: W. Calvin Chase, E. M. Hewlett, J. K. Roy, S. Jackson, G. W. Stewart, Dorsey Suber, E. E. Cooper, A. T. Lewis, L. H. Peterson, Dr. Phil. B. Brooks, Geo. H. Jackson, of the District of Columbia; L. W. Pulis, Kansas; T. L. Jones, Va.; H. C. Hawkins, West Virginia; C. A. Fleetwood, Maryland; N. C. Johns, Pennsylvania; J. E. Johnson, Maryland; Dr. George Richardson, Ohio; A. S. Richardson, North Carolina; F. M. Welsh, Conn.; C. C. Curtis, Iowa; B. F. Branchcomb, New York; R. W. Thompson, Indiana; E. W. Henry, New York; A. W. Brinkley, Delaware; G. C. Smith, Missouri; Dr. E. B. Williston, North Carolina; R. D. Goodman, New York; W. T. Menard, Florida; William G. Silence, Maryland; W. D. Montague, Massachusetts; L. H. Hershaw, Georgia; Wm. Savoy, Illinois.

The executive committee of the league under whose auspices the affair was given, consisted of Messrs. C. C. Curtis, F. M. Welsh, B. F. Branchcomb, N. C. Johns, W. H. Brooks, H. C. Hawkins, C. B. Jones and C. H. Perkins. This committee in conjunction with Messrs. Moore and Prieoleau can well feel proud of the success they met with.

Mr. L. W. Pulis, the toast-master was the cheerleader of the evening. His introductory speeches suggesting the toasts, which were responded to by those assigned were logical, pointed and amusing. He was entertaining and covers were laid for one hundred invited guests.

The menu was as follows: Baked fish, chicken salad, crab salad, vegetable salad, ham, tongue, sandwiches, fruit, cake, ice cream, claret cup, coffee and Havana cigars.

At the conclusion of the supper the program was as follows: Toastmaster, Mr. L. W. Pulis was suitable for the occasion.

#### TOASTS.

Address, Mr. H. C. Hawkins, President of the Personal Liberty League. The President of the United States, Dr. Geo. H. Richardson, M. D. The Press, Mr. W. Calvin Chase. The government of the United States, executive, legislative and judicial as pertaining to personal liberty of the citizens, Lawyer E. M. Hewlett. The Army and Navy, Maj. C. A. Fleetwood.

Our Host—the League, Prof. Alex. H. Richardson.

The Negro and the South, Prof. L. M. Hershaw.

A New Leadership and its effect on our civil and political rights, Lawyer T. L. Jones.

Our American Representative, Mr. Geo. C. Smith.

The medical profession, Dr. Edward Williston, M. D.

The Consistency of Journalism, Editor E. E. Cooper, Colored American.

The Personal Liberty League, Mr. C. C. Curtis.

At the conclusion of the speech of Mr. Curtis, he surprised the distinguished company by presenting to Mr. Chase, the guest of honor, a handsome gold medal, made in the shape of a shield, with two raised books, upon which are engraved an inkstand and pen, in the center. It is one of the finest medals made. The first toast responded was by Dr. Geo. H. Richardson who said:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The first toast was responded to by Dr. George H. Richardson, M. D., who said:

Abnegation of force and obedience to law constitute the fundamental principles of good society and permanent government. It may be true that at times and for short periods, society and tolerable government have existed by disorderly capricious and unsettled force, where no principle was acknowledged, no rights legalized and all was doubtful, liberty as well as power. This state of society characterized the Feudal and Hierarchical systems of Europe.

But although under such systems the masses yielded for a time to the yoke of oppression, yet these governments have always found opposition in the instinctive sense of justice and reason which dwelt in the minds of those who fought against usurpation. The rebellion of Luther, of Oliver Cromwell, of the American colonists of John Brown and Nat Turner, and Garibaldi and Cavour and Maceo are exemplifications of the disposition of brave and righteous men to repel unauthorized force in the grasp of tyranny. And it is this sense of justice and assertion of reason which have ever shackled force and to which we are eminently indebted for the theory and structure of American government. Our government is representative and its essential functions, to speak generally, are to impose rules and regulations on the entire body of society without regard to particular individuals; to appoint public officers to serve as the servants of the people; to adjust public and private interests according to existing laws; to maintain the right of suffrage, of petition, of freedom of speech and of the press at any cost—in fact, to insure harmony in all the combinations of the machinery of government in a manner to extract whatever of reason, truth and justice exist in society to promote its progress and to embody that progress in the actual structure and practical operations of government.

It would seem that such an arrangement would naturally insure such relations between author and authority as to render the numerous inequalities

under which the nation is now laboring, impossible.

But notwithstanding this, the questions press themselves upon us. What is the cause of this adverse movement of public life? Why these manifestations of power? Why this denial of civil and political rights? Why does labor go unhoused, unfed and unemployed while indolence laps up the wealth of the nation? These are questions which cannot be referred to the theory of our government. The structure was constructed by men just and wise and good, who from the chaos of demolished governments and constitutions selected principles which, if properly guarded would stand the shock of centuries.

The fact is that these conditions have arisen out of a misconception of, or indifference to the true functions of social organization. They have resulted from a disposition on the part of the individual to right his own wrongs at the expense, and in defiance of law and order, and to arrogate to himself that authority which was intended and declared should rest with the people in an organized social capacity.

This presumption of individual authority has begotten a disrespect for and a spirit of defiance toward public authority. It is the basis of State's rights and it is the inspiration which now inflames the breast of the Anarchist, the Nihilist and Socialist, which indorses lynch law and justifies political assassination.

How to modify, neutralize, or remove these conditions is a problem which confronts and is to be solved by the Chief Magistrate of the Nation.

This depends upon the disposition of the Executive to encourage the judicious exercise of constitutional rights and to enforce constitutional guarantees.

It requires that the ballot which was designed to represent and which is capable of representing and which, if exercised with responsibility shall be exercised toward the securing of just and equitable government; that there shall be fostered in all political methods, purity, justice, and humanity, based on moral and intellectual capacity; that force shall be subordinated to reason; that the spirit of "I am better than thou" be liberalized and broadened until its limits shall compass every character which forms a part of the American body-politic; that the spirit of caste, of selfishness, shall give way to an enlarged public spirit and a more perfect community of interest; that the whole people shall be the unit to whose advancement and perfection all the parts of society shall be tributary.

Moreover, the Executive disposition must be accompanied by an understanding which no sophistry can baffle, no prejudice bias, and no art elude, by a sense of justice which will accord to the bronzed soldiery of Fort Hudson, Fort Wagner and Milliken's Bend, the same recognition and honor as that shown to the marbled victors of Pittsburg Landing, Antietam, and Vicksburg; to the loyal political allies of recent States the same patronage as that all dispensed those claims to be rich with the labors of ancient art and embazened with the pomp of heraldry; by a patriotism which will regard as paramount every home interest which can effect the rights, liberties, and happiness of the American people.

We believe that we now have a President who is equal to the emergency, and that a return to prosperity, happiness, and brotherly love will be accomplished through the wisdom, justice, bravery, and Christian effort of Wm. McKinley.

TOASTMASTER PULIS, introducing Mr. Chase, said:

It is with pride and pleasure that I present to this representative audience a gentleman who needs no introduction to you, Mr. President and gentlemen, nor indeed to the American public. With pen and voice he has been active in the defense of the right as against wrong, truth against error, the weak against the strong, and the honest against the dishonest; fearless and matchless in the courage of his convictions; God's image cut in ebony. Such is the man, the dignified Chesterfieldian gentleman whom the National Colored Personal Liberty League honors itself by honoring upon this auspicious occasion—W. Calvin Chase, journalist, orator—a friend to love and trust; a foe to be feared. If he is a friend, you know already where to find him. If your enemy, you will not have to hunt him. Dauntless, he stands firm as the everlasting hills through detraction, vituperation, slander, malice and prosecution; not even prison bars muzzle him. [Great applause.]

As a journalist he has few equals, no superiors. THE BEE, which he so edits, is a potent factor for good and terror to evil doers. He has rightly named it for that industrial insect, for their name be legion who have experienced the quality of its honey and the severity of its sting. May his life be long spared, until his influence and usefulness be extended from the regions of perpetual snows to the golden shores of the Pacific, and from the rock-ribbed coast of Maine to the Everglades of that section where every prospect pleases and only man is vile. [Applause.]

Mr. President and gentlemen, Mr. Chase will now address you.

#### THE PRESS.

The second toast, the press, was responded to by Mr. Chase.

The sentiment to which I shall respond is, no doubt, the greatest in this age of our civilization. The bodies to which it is attached have for centuries been the detecting knives of government, legislative bodies have bowed and paid homage to their ingridients; principalities and ancient dignities have hesitated and the French guillotine has often been augmented by Marat, whose pen always called for blood. The French people have stood with amazement and witnessed the French revolution which was but a mockery in comparison with the power which these venal tools would produce. Marat, one of the principals of the Jacobins, whose pen struck terror to the French people, but who met an untimely death, is but one evidence of the power and influence of the press.

The first paper that was ever published was the Gazette, printed in the year of 1457 at Nuremberg and history records that not a copy is in existence. The first French paper, The Gazette de France was established in the year

of 1631. Germany lead all countries in printing and circulating newspapers, but England soon followed. In the early part of the 17th century Nathaniel Butler printed news circulars and in the year of 1622 England printed her first regular newspaper, The Weekly News.

During the reign of Marat and prior to his time the press was rather erratic and vindictive. The editors were impressed with the idea that great principles pertaining to governments, under different political factions, had to be discussed. But England, as she is to-day, the mother and expounder of the law, placed a check on English editors who seemed to be more inclined to discuss the personality of a man, and libel him instead of discussing the affairs of the government, hence the severity of the English law of libel. No matter how guilty an individual may be of committing crimes, the common law was, "greater the truth, greater the libel."

While it is true, the constitution of the United States gives freedom to the press, in some states the old common law doctrine is still in existence. Some judges in America have no more conception of the rules of evidence in libel suits and the law of libel, than Marat had of what was right for the French people.

Some American judges are influenced by their prejudice against the press and more particularly against the Afro-American press that dares to expose corruption and wrong doings. The Southern Afro-American press, pleading as it does and condemning wrong against people, who by circumstances, and by no fault of their own, is estopped by that Southern prejudice from speaking against wrong-doings. The freedom of the press in the South, so far as the colored editor is concerned, is a false letter in our constitution. The Northern Afro-American press is playing between toadyism and cowardice. There is found among the negro but a few great editors who will express the courage of their convictions. And while those may be great exposing wrong and condemning the British naval battle fought with the British in the war of 1812, namely, the battle of Lake Erie.

We need a daily press, a press that is not tainted with corruption; a press that is bold and fearless in advocating strong economic principles; a press that is liberal enough to treat all classes of citizens with consideration; a press that cannot be bought for a consideration; and above all, one that is consistent in all things.

There are more newspapers in the United States to-day than in any other country in the world. Up to the year of 1865 there were 19,530 newspapers in the United States, of which the Afro-American press numbers about 300, and not one supported, to any extent, by the colored people in the United States. I mean, if colored editors depended on the existence of their papers by colored people they would die. Some of the peculiarities in editing a paper, commonly called a negro paper, is the amount of space a colored man wants for his money. You will be asked to run a column and give a column, write up, and with the request to send him ten copies at three cents per copy. You may be requested to send Mr. A. the paper for a month; your collector will call, the subscriber will get angry because you bothered him with a bill for 20 cents. He tells his neighbor that the editor is hard up. Your collector will call on Mr. B., who has been taking your paper for three months; he is highly insulted because you allowed his paper to run three months without sending the collector. Mr. D. is a very affable gentleman and he has had the paper for six months, but declines to pay until the year is out. The year expires, your collector calls, but gets no money. The subscriber writes to the office that the collector insulted him, and informing you that he will call at the office and pay, but at the same time writes a dissent in favor of human rights. This individual visits his friend's house who does pay and borrows his paper; he tells his friend that he would not allow the paper to come to his house; it is a "dirty sheet." He fails to tell his friend that he owes a subscription.

The base ingratitude, not only against the negro press, but against the press that defends the virtues of your household and the maintenance of a good government, must expect nothing but condemnation and opposition. This exposure of those principles which tend to improve a people, will some day have its proper place in history.

THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.

Why should the liberty of the press be abridged? Why should editors be cited to appear before courts because they refuse to disclose the source of their information? Our law-makers, like others, cannot stand newspaper criticisms nor will they tolerate a fair exposure of their weaknesses or consciences. The liberty of the press, as well as liberty in all things that are right, will soon be manifested.

As man was destined to be his own free agent, and exercise personal liberty as long as he keeps within the confines of the law, so will the liberty of the press at some near date be a constitutional prerogative, indeed.

The should be as much personal liberty accorded the press as is given to a man in all the affairs of life. He should be free to expose all public and private wrongs that tend to destroy our domestic or public tranquility, when it is for a private or a public good. An unjust restriction of the press by law is not only tyrannical, under a republican form of government, but unjust. Men who have the control of the judiciary branch of our government should not be allowed, for personal gain, to impede the personal liberty of the press, when official wrongs of individuals are exposed to the people.

Until our citizenship shall be established what can we expect?

Corrupt officials may tremble at their official corruption; legislators, no doubt, have cause to threaten the liberation of their corrupt deeds in office. In all prosecutions in America, for libel, the negro editor is made an example of for the purpose of deterring the Anglo-Saxon press.

There is confined in the jail of Texas a colored editor, serving a year's imprisonment, because he dared to expose the wrongs of railroad officials against certain members of his race. No matter what privileged communications or writings are allowed by law, the negro press is always "weighed in the balances and found wanting."

There is a duty for the negro press to perform, cost what it may; the liberty of the press, whatever nationality it may represent, should not be abridged. [Great applause.]

E. M. HEWLETT.

I have been asked to respond to the toast "The Government of the United States, Executive, Legislative, and Judicial as affecting the personal liberty of citizens," and at the same time I am informed that I have five minutes allowed me, in which to thoroughly cover the subject. I fear, gentlemen, that so much liberty has been extended to us to night at this festive board that none of us are in a condition to talk—that is intelligently. Should I attempt to respond to the toast proposed it would take nearer five hours than five minutes to do it anything like justice. This liberty is not accorded me by the "Colored National Personal Liberty League." I will say however, gentlemen, that liberty has always been the uppermost thought of the negro, from the time he occupied the slave pen to the present. Many of the negro slaves, after having held a short consultation with their legs, found themselves free. The negro has never rested quiet under oppression. He has faced death and time again in the hope of gaining his liberty. He established his right to liberty on many fields of battle. Of the 300,000 troops in the revolutionary war about 5,000 were colored, the majority of them coming from the North, which then had a colored population of about 50,000. The desire for liberty, however, was no stronger in the breast of the Northern than in the breast of the Southern colored man. The colored men of the North entered the American army that they might gain their liberty, and the colored men of the South entered the British army, with the hope that they might thereby gain their liberty. You all know how the negro again distinguished himself. I refer to his heroism in the most memorable naval battle fought with the British in the war of 1812, namely, the battle of Lake Erie.

We are American citizens and cannot underrate our magnificent country. We are all proud of its grandeur. We love it, for we and our ancestors have labored for more than two hundred years in building up its resources, but the American people, through the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the Government, have utterly failed to accord to the negro that protection in his political, civil, and personal rights guaranteed by the constitution of his country. The legislative branch of the government did pass some laws for the protection of the negro in his rights and failed to pass others, but our Supreme Court by some kind of circuitous reasoning has always been able by a majority decision to declare all such laws unconstitutional, with Justice Harlan always a dissenter in favor of human rights. A negro can get no protection in this country; he is lynched on the least provocation and denied every civil right that should be accorded man. The courts of the country are disposed not to put its machinery in motion to protect the negro. For all grand juries fail to indict the lynchers, when they are known, and petit juries would fail to convict, if political evil was returned and all of this with our censure from the bench or press of our country. The Executive of the Nation ought to, and I think the present Executive will take a hand in the matter, if the things continues much longer.

OUR HOST—THE LEAGUE.

Prof. A. S. Richardson said:

"O, Liberty, thou goddess, heavenly bright, Profuse of bliss and pregnant with delight, Eternal pleasures in thy presence reign, And smiling Plenty leads thy wanton train."

Mr. Toastmaster and gentlemen: When I first beheld the statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, I was deeply impressed with the significance of this wondrous gift of the people of France to the government and people of the United States. There it stands majestic, sublime—a monument to the lasting friendship between our two greatest republics on earth—a testimonial to genius and art, flashing forth from its famous torch a halo of light over land and sea, a beacon for commerce and in allegory lighting the pathway of mankind toward the higher realms of perfect liberty. Liberty for which Wilberforce and Clarkson strove in the English parliament, for which Toussaint L'Ouverture struggled, and for which John Brown and Frederick Douglass suffered and labored.

But what are these achievements if they do not include personal liberty, and what is personal liberty if it be not religious freedom, the freedom of the press, of free speech, the right of everyone to enjoy the blessings of our government and partake of the fruits of civilization as a common heritage. If it be the purpose of this League to guard and defend these rights and foster and protect these privileges, then the movement which it has begun is entitled to the support and commendation of liberty-loving people everywhere.

I take it that this League stands for equal rights for all. That it stands opposed to the methods by which the elective franchise is abridged in certain States of this Union, and with the sole purpose of eliminating the colored vote therein. That it stands opposed to the jury system by which a man is not tried by his peers, but by a collection of twelve men before whom the party must invariably establish his innocence or else be considered guilty. That it stands opposed to the separate car laws and railroad corporations that seek to thrust a man into a cattle-car or other railway compartment against his will simply on account of race and color prejudice. That it stands opposed to the proprietor of a public cafe who would relegate a respectable man into his back-yard or among the swill-tubs of his kitchen because such proprietor has some vague apprehension that all persons of certain complexions or of certain race are suspicious characters. That it stands opposed to an appointing officer in this government circumventing the law by rejecting eligibles for appointment to positions, duly certified by the civil service commission, because such eligibles do not measure up to the standard of what he thinks is the correct shade of what a govern-

ment employee ought to be. This Personal Liberty League is a collective host of this evening's social gathering. This worthy and generous host has made elaborate preparations to give the guest of the evening and the friends assembled here a most hearty, royal and welcome reception. We have partaken of your bountiful surroundings of your banquet hall; we have feasted with a coming appetite upon the savory viands, rich wines and luscious fruits that would make Delmonico's snail his lips. You've wind us and you've dined us; we've sat up and drank you up, and now we are talking you up and intend to write you up wherever we go. I am sure I bespeak the sentiments of all present when I wish the host of the evening the full measure of heaven's choicest blessings.

Prof. L. M. Hershaw spoke, as follows:

Brains, industry and character are the elements that constitute the real philosopher's stone, whereby foolish things are made wise, hard things simple, and base things noble. There are three things are needed in the South: brains to comprehend his relation to his environment and his true position in the universe; industry to work on his destiny in the light of history and reason; and character to vitalize and glorify his brains and industry and to raise his thoughts and acts above the dead level of selfish striving and aggrandizement.

The negro is ignorant; and this is true with reference to many reading negroes, as well as to most illiterate ones. His condition renders him the prey of all the designing and unscrupulous of all the other races. He is induced to believe that he is making progress toward the promised land, when in fact he is only describing a circle in the wilderness; that fine words, seductive smiles, and artful blandishments are the indications of deep interest and philanthropic purpose, when in truth they are but the sheep's clothing that conceals the ravening wolf. This condition of ignorance renders the negro a victim of the violated laws of nature, as well as to the cupidity of wicked men. In all the cities of the South he is stricken excessively with disease, and is dying out at a rate almost double that of the white race. The excessive death rate of negroes in cities is one of the most alarming facts that confronts the race to-day. It is a fact, and a fact of far-reaching and portentous significance.

A NEW LEADERSHIP.

By Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, was one of the most eloquent speeches of the evening. He handled his subject well. Among other things he said that he would do nothing to take from the laurels of Bruce one iota of credit. I would not take from Pinchback the merits he deserve, and I would suffer death or fall at the feet of Langston before I would harm him. He means will not take from him hell will. We need a new leadership. The negro is in wilderness.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

Dr. Edward E. Williston, who responded to this toast, said:

The medical profession is one of the oldest as well as one of the noblest professions. It prepares a man to live on this earth and puts him in condition to dwell in the world beyond. The theologian's duty is to prepare souls of men. He lays down great moral truths. He offers spiritual food but no man who is ill constructed, who has a frail physique can comprehend the moral proposition or carry it out to its desired sequel; because he cannot digest the food that goes to the support of his body, nor can he digest the spiritual food.

The work of the physician is not limited as the average denizen supposes. The profession is a science. It is the duty of the physician to study the individual. Many of the human ailments, if not a majority, that human nature has to contend with, come in the category, known as mental derangement, and as the physicians finds the various phases abnormal, he seeks to ascertain how far the environments are instrumental in producing the condition. Walk with me into the libraries of our leading physicians, there you will find the works of Darwin, Huxley, Tyndal and Spencer.

Today many shining lights exist because they were given the opportunity to be redeemed, to be regenerated by the guiding aid of the physician.

THE NEGRO ATHLETE.

The next toast was responded to by Mr. Jesse K. Roy, who said in eloquent tones that "The Negro Athlete is a glorious theme worthy of the pen of Homer, and who knows but some day an unborn Negro Homer will come and poetical praises of the athletic achievements of Jackson, Wolcott and Diamond gladiators; of Hart, pedestrian; of Lewis an undisputed star of the football field of Howard College; of Black Sam, the oarsman, and many others who have gone "unhonored and unsung,"—forgotten because of the complexity, and discredited because of their racial affinity. Wherever we have accomplished along the lines of physical culture is a source of gratification to our friends and a constant thorn in the side of our enemies.

We have demonstrated beyond cavil that under equal and uniformly fair conditions we have nothing to fear from the dominant race from an intellectual point of view and I for one am convinced that from a physical standpoint we are unquestionably their superiors.

Even around this festive board we have a glorious vindication of our optimistic view. The gentleman whom we have assembled to honor was himself an athlete of magnificent proportions and undisputed skill. But times the great leveller, has traced here an emblem upon that once noble stature and painted upon that noble white threads of care. However, he still our own Chase and good cheer him.

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and self respect lead.

S. E.—No one admires a manish  
looking woman or a girl dressed in  
masculine attire. She is despised by  
men and disliked by ladies of fine at-  
tainments.

To have a mean disposition is to  
have a bad master, which one should  
endeavor to control.

Laura.—You should not think that  
your husband has no right to tell you  
of your duty. When a woman doesn't  
know her household duties, she should  
be told of them.

Dora.—Beware of people who man-  
ifest so much interest in your family af-  
fairs, for they are really after the par-  
ticulars of your business.

Girls.—The duties that lie nearest  
you are the first to be looked after.  
Some people pass great objects for  
smaller ones and when they see their  
error it is entirely too late.

Inez.—Don't associate with people  
of questionable character, as you will  
fall in the same rut.

S. E.—The person who works the  
hardest usually receives the most  
blame, or are expected the most of.  
The idle ones, who do nothing can't be  
responsible for anything, hence they  
do nothing, and to nothing they go.

M. B.—Yes it is ridiculous to see a  
person, especially a lady standing on  
the street corners, conversing with  
men at night. Some people would be  
wiser if they did not know so much.

S.—When some one tells you that  
you look bad, it is all foolishness to go  
around with a sad face. Women  
don't often pass a compliment on one  
of their sex when they look well.

A. M.—Some women never realize  
how much pleasure it is to be single,  
until after they are married. This is  
because they made a mistake in their  
marriage.

E. V.—Don't be so wrapped up in  
yourself. It is already being said that  
you are an ego-ist who think more of  
yourself than other people think of  
you. When one can forget himself  
for a few minutes and think or look  
after the welfare of others, he will feel  
the most happy and be doing what is  
right. We were made to look out for  
each others interest.

A woman's influence is a great thing.  
Remove if possible, woman for one  
day and that day will be one of blank,  
to go down with history.

Don't be idle. If your hands are not  
usefully employed, attend to the cul-  
tivation of your mind. Society demands  
a cultivated person. A good thinker  
is usually a good talker.

I do not advise any of my girls who  
are earning a good salary to give it up  
for the sake of love, especially when  
they are earning more money than the  
men. But don't understand me to say  
that I approve of girls being old maids.  
Old maids are never happy because  
they are so set in their ideas, no one  
can please them.

C. W.—You have advised others to  
make no promises they cannot keep.  
You seem to forget that it is good doc-  
trine to practice what you preach. I  
hope you have not come to the same  
conclusion that the ministers have and  
that is "not to do as they do, but do as  
they say." No one is worthy of giving  
advice except he is willing to abide by  
the same.

Fashion.—I do not approve of the  
fancy colors under organdies, except  
at least, you can have about three  
different colors. To wear one dress  
of the same color, especially a fancy  
color as the organdies call for, so con-  
stantly, it makes one conspicuous.  
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X.—Speak only of what you know.  
The person who knows every body's  
business is a gossip.

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